

With reference to pecuniary contributions, the Committee state with satisfaction that the benevolent energies of the Churches have been brought into vigorous operation for various objects, so that large sums have been collected. They advert with peculiar pleasure to the completion of the Endowment of Acadia College, and they rejoice in the liberal arrangement recently made in New Brunswick for Home Missionary purposes. These are indications, as they hope, that the christian use of money is understood and practised by a goodly number of the professors of the Gospel, belonging to the Baptist Denomination in these Provinces.

New meeting houses have been opened during the year in the following places, viz:—

Nov. 27, 1852. Ohio, near Yarmouth, N. S.

Jan. 30, 1853. New Canaan, N. B.

Feb. 6, " Carleton, N. B.

" 26, Salem District, Amherst, N. S.

" 27, German Town Lake, N. B.

May 21, Amherst Point, N. S.

July 10, Gaspereaux, N. S.

" 17, Salem, near Carleton, N. B.

" 22, Liverpool, N. S.

Aug. 14, St. Simonds, Co. Carleton, N. B.

Seven brethren have been ordained since the last meeting of the Convention:

Sept. 25, 1852. W. H. Coldwell, Lower Granville, N. S.

Feb. 13, 1853. Henry Angell Milton, near Liverpool, N. S.

March 13, " P. A. Shiels, Hantsport, N. S.

May 11, " W. G. Goucher, Yarmouth Ponds, N. S.

" 17, " James Spencer, Chester, N. S.

Aug. 10, " J. C. Hurd, St. Margaret's Bay, N. S.

" 17, " Arthur Crawley, Wolfville, N. S.

Nine new Churches have been constituted—four in Nova Scotia, and five in New Brunswick:—in Nova Scotia, at Chelsea, Ohio, South Yarmouth, and West Yarmouth;—in New Brunswick, 2nd Hillsborough, Kingston, Point Monask, 2nd Johnston, and Shediac. A review of the history of the year suggests some considerations and inquiries.

Whole No. 1.—It is of the utmost importance that the principles and policies which, as Baptists, we are distinguished, should be faithfully kept and observed; and particularly, that clear evidence of conversion should always precede baptism—that young converts should be carefully instructed and trained—and that the discipline of offenders should be prompt and impartial, yet tempered with Christian kindness. Whether our low rate of increase can be proved to be traceable to any degree of neglect in these matters, may deserve serious inquiry.

2.—The spiritual destitution of various parts of the Provinces, of the neighbouring islands, calls for a large increase of home missionary effort; and the fact that Baptist preaching is usually ac-